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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" The Government say ' An hon. Member of this House and another gave an undertaking on behalf of Narayana Menon but did not meet the requirements which the Government considered indispensable.' May I know what are the requirements ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Section 401 of the Criminal Procedure Code says that the person concerned ought to give his consent and he has not done so."

Railways

Closing of the Trikanad flag station on the South Indian Railway.

* 1624 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to question No. 1364 answered on 1st February 1929 regarding the closing of the Trikanad station on the South Indian Railway, will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Director of Fisheries has been consulted by either the Government or the South Indian Railway authorities regarding the closing of the Trikanad flag station and what his report is ; and

(*b*) whether Government have decided to request the Agent of the South Indian Railway to re-open the station ?

A.—(*a*) The Director of Fisheries was not consulted by the Government, as already stated in reply to clause (*d*) of question No. 1364. The Government have no information whether the Railway authorities consulted the Director of Fisheries.

(*b*) No.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether the Government have made up their minds finally not to ask the South Indian Railway to reopen the station ? "

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" We see no reason to continue the discussion with the Railway authorities."

Arms and Ammunitions

Issue of licences for arms to officials and non-officials.

* 1625 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any persons whether officials or non-officials are accorded free licences to carry arms ; and

(*b*) if so, what the qualifications are which entitle one to a free licence ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to Schedule VII of the Indian Arms Rules, 1924, published with the notification of the Government of India, Home Department, No. F. 829/I-22, dated 3rd November 1923, and republished at pages 1302—1340 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 27th November 1923.

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Licences in Forms XVIII and XIX contained in Schedule VIII of the above rules are also granted free of all fee. No special qualifications have been prescribed for applicants for a licence in Form XVIII but a licence in Form XIX is granted only to bona fide cultivators.

Number of licences for fire arms granted in 1927 and 1928.

* 1626 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of licences granted in 1927 and 1928 for fire arms; and

(*b*) the kind of fire arms for which licences were granted?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The information for 1927 [a] is contained in Statements I and III appended to G.O. No. 1064, Public, dated 28th November 1928, which has been placed on the table. The information for 1928 has not been received yet.

Inland Waterways

Restrictions on the Narsapur-Razole ferry traffic.

* 1627 *Q.*—Mr. J. BHEEMAYYA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) (i) the conditions of traffic that prevailed and the approximate number of passengers that used to travel by the river from Narsapur to Razole and back and the intermediate stations in the year 1895 when the Canals and Public Ferries Act, 1890, was put into operation there; and

(ii) the approximate number of passengers in the year 1927;

(*b*) the circumstances under which Narsapur and Razole were defined to be the limits of a ferry which in Notification No. 29, dated 30th December 1895 was declared to be subject to the provisions of section 8 of the above Act;

(*c*) whether the Government have issued any notification at any time up till now restricting the public rights of free navigation along the river for these 12 miles between Narsapur and Razole; and

(*d*) if so, the number and date of such notification and whether it will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) The Government have called for a report.

(*b*) In 1895, because of cases where boats and ballacuts plying on the Vasishta Godavari river between Narasapur and Razole capsized, resulting in loss of life, the Collector and President, District Board, Godavari, proposed that a ferry service between Narsapur and Razole should be established by means of a steam launch, and suggested that the Canals and Public Ferries Act (II of 1890) might be extended to the proposed ferry. This was approved by the Government in December 1895.

(*c*) & (*d*) Beyond applying the Canals and Public Ferries Act to this ferry, the Government have placed no further restrictions on traffic on that river.

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a Printed as Appendix II on pages 443-457 infra.